



School District of Altoona

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ALTOONA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
District Board Room
1903 Bartlett Avenue
October 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

1. The Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Robin Elvig at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.
2. Roll call was taken and the following were present:
Robin E. Elvig, President
Helen S. Drawbert, Vice President
Michael J. Hilger, Clerk
Bradley D. Poquette, Treasurer
David A. Rowe, Member
Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent
Joyce M. Orth, Board Secretary
3. Reading of Public Notice. Report of notice was presented. All posting requirements were met and posting places are noted: Altoona City Hall, Altoona Post Office, school district office, high school office, middle school office, and elementary school office.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Rules for Meeting
6. Approval of Minutes. a. October 3, 2016 Special Meeting/Work Session. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Special Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. October 3, 2016 Regular Meeting. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Public Participation. a. Non-Agenda items - public comment and concern. None. b. Agenda items - public comment and concern. Related to our recent evacuation practice, Robin Elvig mentioned that her daughters had evacuations due to active threats at their schools in two different states.
8. Treasurer's Report and Business Services Report. a. Approval of Checks for Payment. Motion by Drawbert to approve General Fund checks totaling \$562,073.32 and Student Activity Fund checks totaling \$-0- as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. b. Approval of Treasurer's Report - August. Motion by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2016 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- c. Approval of Treasurer's Report - September. Motion by Hilger to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2016 as presented, seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. d. Expenditures, Revenues and Cash Position. Expenditures and revenues as of October 12, 2016 were included in the packet. The cash position graph (general fund 2011/12 to 2016/17) was also included.
9. Fund for Fellows Teachers Grant Project. Jen Madsen and Kelly Schirm, 4-5 grade teachers, gave an overview of the Fund for Teachers grant application process and their grant award. In summer 2016, their grant funding allowed them to explore the American colonization and immigration era with visits to Boston, Plymouth, Roanoke, Jamestown and Norfolk.
10. Information. **a. Policies for Discussion.** The following were discussed: Policy 311 – Academic Freedom and Controversial Issues, Policy 321 – Annual School Calendar and School Hours, Policy 323 – Ceremonies and Observances/Religion, Policy 330 – Curriculum Development and Improvement, Policy 333 – Parent Rights in Relation to District Programs, Policy 341.1 – Reading Instruction, and Policy 347 – Student Records. **b. Committee Reports.** None. **c. General Information.** None. **d. President's Report.** (1) KB Development Update. Dave Rowe reported on the current status and outcome of the October 13 budget committee and city council meetings. The council preliminarily approved a budget line of \$135,000 for an engineering study that would direct the trail project. In addition, Altoona Outdoors offered to reimburse up to \$15,000 of the costs if the engineering is completed by a determined date and the trail construction is included in the city's 2018 budget. (2) WASB Employment and School Law Seminar. Mike Hilger attended the October 13-14 seminar in Wisconsin Dells. Sessions attended addressed administrator contracts, employee compensation, expulsion, special education obligations, on-site clinics/wellness, and law enforcement in schools. **e. Superintendent's Report.** (1) Evacuation Drill. The evacuation of buildings was practiced districtwide on October 12. (2) Studer Education Update. A district services survey is underway, and a student survey will open later this month. An employee engagement survey will open in November. (3) On Track for the Future! Building Projects Update. Updates were given. (4) Intermediate/Middle School Open House. An Open House has been scheduled for October 25, 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Pedersen Commons will be dedicated at 4:00 p.m. (5) Fab Lab Grant. A Fab Lab grand opening, which has been scheduled for 2:00 pm on October 25 in conjunction with the Intermediate/Middle School Open House, will showcase equipment purchased from 2016 grant funding. The school district will also apply to the 2017 Fabrication Laboratories program. Program funding is provided by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). The grant application deadline is December 15, 2016. (6) Other Meetings, News and Events (Items announced in this category are not intended for discussion). Topics announced included the Fuel Up to Play 60/Green Bay Packer event planned for the intermediate school students on October 18, STEP welcome back meeting held this morning, parent-teacher conferences upcoming on Thursday evening and Friday morning, and a recent meeting with Rettler Company about preliminary plans for an athletic complex. The application period for the expanded Parent Advisory Committee has closed. All 18 applicants will be invited to join.
11. Board Action after Consideration and Discussion. **a.** Consider Resignation C-Team Girls Basketball Coach. Motion by Rowe to accept the resignation of Amy Miller as presented, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. **b.** Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Custodian Position. Motion by Drawbert to approve the employment of Steven Butler to fill the custodial position as of October 24, 2016 as recommended, seconded by Rowe. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Consider Employment Recommendation to Fill Lunchroom Supervisor Position. Motion by Rowe to approve the employment of Kristine Lenberg to fill the lunchroom supervisor position as of October 17, 2016 as recommended, seconded by Hilger. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. d. Consider Youth Options Intentions List for Spring Semester 2017. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Youth Options Intentions List for Spring 2017 with the removal of the student applicant with a GPA under 2.0 (as per Rule IGCDAR), seconded by Rowe. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. e. Consider Amendment of Policy 310 – Instructional Philosophy. Motion by Drawbert to amend Policy 310 striking “, including students with special needs,” from the first sentence, seconded by Poquette. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. f. Consider Amendment of Policy 342.2 – Gifted and Talented Program. Motion by Rowe to approve Policy 342.2 as presented, seconded by Hilger. Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. g. Consider Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8) (a) 1, Wisconsin Statutes. Motion by Drawbert to approve the Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 Pursuant to Section 67.12(8) (a) 1, Wisconsin Statutes, seconded by Rowe. Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0. h. Consider Resolution for Adoption of Tax Levy. Motion by Rowe to the Resolution authorizing a tax levy of \$6,297,612 on the taxable property of the district for school purposes for the 21016/17 school year in accordance with the recommendation of the school board, seconded by Drawbert. Drawbert, yes; Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Adjournment. Motion by Poquette to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Rowe. Rowe, yes; Hilger, yes; Poquette, yes; Drawbert, yes; Elvig, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The next Regular Meeting of the Altoona Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the District board room.

Joyce M. Orth CAP, Board Secretary

District Clerk

Date

The vision of the Altoona School District, in partnership with our students, their families, and our community, is to build a foundation for life-long learning and the emotional well-being of our students. We are dedicated to offering large school opportunities with a small school approach.